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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, WA

SUBJ: NAMIBIA: NEW HITCH IN PROGRESS TOWARD TALKS

REF: CAPE TOWN 609

1. CONDITION ANNOUNCED BY DAMARALAND ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC) AND DAMARA TRIBAL EXECUTIVE (DTE) HAS DAMPENED HIGH HOPES, EXPRESSED BY SWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY LEADER DIRK MUDGS (REFTEL), FOR EARLY CONVENING OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS IN NAMIBIA. DAC AND DTE ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT JUNE 3 DEMANDING IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AS CONDITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATION.

2. DAC AND DTE, WHICH CLAIM SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF DAMARAS, ALSO SAID IN STATEMENT THAT IN FUTURE THEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED

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JOINTLY ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS. UNTIL RECENTLY THESE TWO

GROUPS ACTED AS MUTUALLY ANTAGONISTIC RIVALS, EACH CLAIMING TO BE SOLE SPOKESMAN FOR DAMARAS, WHO CONSTITUTE THIRD LARGEST POPULATION GROUP IN NAMIBIA.

3. COMMENTING TO PRESS ON DAMARA STATEMENT, DIRK MUDGS SAID HE THOUGHT "RESERVATIONS" PERHAPS HAD ARISEN OUT OF DISTRUST. HE SAID, "IT IS UP TO US AS WHITES TO CONVICE THEM OF THE HONESTY OF OUR INTENTIONS," AND OFFERED TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH DARARA LEADERS.

4. COMMENT. IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS POINT TO DETERMINE ACTUAL FIRMNESS OF NEWLY-FOUND DAMARA UNITY. IN ANY CASE, DAC AND DTE JOINT DEMAND SHOULD CAUSE FURTHER DELAY IN CONVENING OF PROPOSED TALKS, EVEN IF SWA AUTHORITIES SUCCEED IN STRIKING DEAL WITH CLEMENS KAPUUO TO REPRESENT HEREROS, AS APPEAR INCREASINGLY LIKELY.  
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